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Chapter 1 by Aaron Hartmann

Have you ever seen a mermaid?

You may call me crazy or insane but I know I have seen a mermaid. It was the spring of 1914, me and my mates were on a fishing trip in the Pacific Ocean.

A nasty storm came in from the east, the we lost sight of land. We were stranded. One day I got up early and looked out onto the water, that is when I noticed something move in the water. First I though it was a Dolphin but then I saw the beautiful green scales.

A head bobs out of the water, it was beautiful. I yelled to her if she need help., but then she dives down into the water and I see her tale. I was stunned and didn't know what to make of it. She swims up to the boat and puts her arms on the side. We stare into each other's eyes.

Chapter 2 by -



She disappears

We sat like this for a long time.

Me looking at her.

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Her looking at me.

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Me observing her carefully.

Her observing me carefully.

Then she flashes me a smile and bats her eyelashes. I'm instantly put under a love spell and she dives into the water, never to be seen again. At least, for today. I kept pondering about her all day. As I make myself shelter and try to catch some food, but I eventually come to the conclusion that I just hallucinated her and mermaids weren't real. That is when it happened. She came back. Same scales, same tail, same smile, same pale skin. Nothing like I've ever seen before. This happened day after day, and eventually, we became lovers. I know it is hard to believe, but there was a way, and this time it wasn't a myth. She could come on land, with legs, but for only a week every month, and this is how we made love, but when she had to go back, it was devastating for both of us. She told me there's a way for it to be permanent, but only one other mermaid tried it before, and it didn't end well. Are we going to make this work, or am I just surviving so I can get my to my family on land?

Chapter 3 by Pauline Vail-22



Today, she told me how to be permanent. She doesn't change. I do. Confined to the sea, to be with my lover? Abandoning my friends, my family? My life as I know it?

I need time to think.

Chapter 4 by Luna



I thought. I knew what I had to do.

At midnight I rowed a small boat out to the middle of the ocean. The mermaid rose up from the depths and asked me "what is your decision?"

I replied, "Will this answer your question?"

Before the mermaid could say anything, I leaned over real quick and kissed her full and long on her mermaid lips.

I felt a strange pain surge through me. I was choking, dying.

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Had she done something to me?

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I could not just sit here, with this beautiful mermaid staring at me.

I jumped into the ocean, just as the world turned dark.

Chapter 5 by Megan Moffitt



I was in the middle of the deep blue sea. The mermaid stood across from me. Was I dead? No, it looked like I was I was breathing. Why was I here? I didn't know, all I remember was diving into the ocean.

"I am sorry I had to do what I did."The mermaid said.

"H-how am I doing this?"I asked.

"Doing what?"She asked.

"Breathing down here."I answer

"You will soon know."The mermaid said with a smile like she knew my deepest secrets.

"What is your name?"I asked

She answered"My name is Gossamer"

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